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PLANTERS AGREE TO AWAIT SURVEY

Fish Commission to Settle Disputed Points Within Three Days—Militia Still Ready for Service—Planters Maintain Contractual Rights—All Quiet on River.

"Unless the attitude of the tongs towards law and order is materially changed, and should I be a member of the next General Assembly, I shall propose an amendment to the Constitution abolishing public oyster grounds and leasing the natural rock to the highest bidder, under proper restrictions."

"I believe the trouble in the James is due to the mistaken methods of handling the tongs. They have been petted and pampered and their importance impressed upon them, largely for political reasons, until they think they own the river."

"While no doubt some of the planters have trespassed on the public grounds, there is a remedy in the courts. Their misdeeds do not give the tongs license to flaunt the dignity and the statutes of the Commonwealth, nor to remove stakes, nor steal the property of the planters. It is the duty of the planters and of Commissioner Lee to co-operate in securing the arrest and conviction of every person who is guilty of pulling up stakes."

These utterances were delivered last night by one of the foremost men in the State, a public man whose name is known in every neighborhood of long and distinguished experience, and one who has made the oyster question a subject of the deepest and most careful study.

His attitude, together with that of other people who discussed the situation in the James River yesterday, is taken to mean the beginning of a movement which will abolish the natural oyster rocks in the waters of Virginia, and do away once and forever with the disturbing influences which have for years made the lives of State officials a burden and have drawn heavily on the moral and financial forces of the State.

Three Days' Delay.

Three days of grace were the net result of the conference held in Richmond yesterday afternoon between the Governor, the Attorney-General and members of the State Commission of Fisheries. For that space of time the planters agree to take no oysters from the river, and Fish Commissioner W. McDonald Lee promises on his part to determine by survey all acute questions at issue by the end of the week.

The planters were represented by counsel. While not surrendering any of the rights which they conceive they have under their contracts with the State, they recognize the ticklish nature of the situation and agreed to give up three days of the most productive part of the best season the James has ever known, in order to preserve peace and order on the river.

Troops Still Ready.

So far as the military side of the affair is concerned, the only action taken during the day was a telegram sent early in the morning by Adjutant-General W. Sale to Norfolk, instructing Major B. V. Salomonson not to take further steps until he receives orders from Richmond.

He is still, however, to keep in touch with the members of his battalion, so that they will be available for service if needed within the shortest possible time. It was learned that it had not been contemplated by the Adjutant-General that the soldiers be kept in the armory, or that they consider themselves on military duty, the measure being precautionary. Commissioner Lee again disclaimed here yesterday that he had taken any part in the movement looking to the use of troops. He added, however, that the Governor had sufficient cause to take measures of preparation.

"Things looked very quiet on last Wednesday," said Mr. Lee, "but since that time they have quieted down. I now believe that the situation will be peacefully worked out."

The survey will be continued to-day with the aid of records secured by Mr. Lee yesterday. He will be on the river again throughout the day.

PROBE STARTS TO-DAY

Committee in Ready to Investigate Senator Lorimer's Election.
Chicago, Ill., September 21.—The long-heralded senatorial inquiry into the methods employed in the election of William Lorimer as United States Senator from Illinois will begin to-morrow in a formal session of the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, according to announcement made to-night. Questions of procedure are as yet undetermined.

A long conference was held this afternoon by the committee in the apartments of Senator Julius C. Burrows, chairman. It was then announced by Senator Burrows that the committee would proceed with the investigation. Senators James B. Frazier (Democrat), of Tennessee, and Morgan G. Bulkeley (Republican), of Connecticut, also present. Telegrams were sent by the chairman, urging the absentees to attend.

Senator Bulkeley replied that he would arrive in Chicago on Sunday. No answer was received from Senator Frazier, but his colleagues expect him to arrive before the end of the week.

The initial meeting of the committee will be in the Congress Hotel, and will be open to the public. The preliminary session to-day was behind closed doors.

It is believed that the list of witnesses to be examined will include many, if not all of the members of the Illinois State Legislature, who voted for William Lorimer, the United States Senator, and others who may have knowledge which would bear on the validity of the election.

No subpoena have been issued by the committee, although the chairman has received a list of the names of possible witnesses.

It is not thought probable that the inquiry can be completed in less than two or three weeks.

It is expected that one of the most important witnesses will be Minority Leader Lee O'Neill Browne, of the Illinois Legislature. He was recently acquitted in the Cook County Criminal Court on an indictment charging him with bribing Representative Charles A. White, also a Democrat, to vote for Lorimer.

HERCULEAN TASK

Raising of the Maine May Prove Puzzle to Ablest Engineers.

Washington, September 21.—That the raising of the Maine is a task calculated to tax the abilities of the ablest engineers and that it will cost a large sum of money is apparent from the statement by Colonel Wm. M. Black, of the Army Engineering Corps, that the Maine, the ill-fated vessel is embedded in the mud in Havana harbor to a depth of from eight to ten feet. The vessel was wrecked by the war Department, with Captain H. B. Ferguson, of the Engineer Corps, in command. A preliminary examination of the wreck, the Secretary of War, Mr. D. C. Hoag, has just submitted his report to General Bixey, chief of engineers.

At first place, he found the Cuban government exceedingly anxious to assist him. Senator Sanguly, of the United States, Senator Chalmers, of the United States, and President Gomez, himself, all earnestly expressed this desire. They placed at Colonel Black's disposal a large number of personnel of the Department of Public Works, turned over the Cuban reservation in Casa Blanca for use as a storage yard for the raising of the wreck. He has just submitted his report to General Bixey, chief of engineers.

After some hasty soundings around the wreck, Colonel Black returned to the United States on the 12th inst., leaving Captain Ferguson to study the condition of the Maine and the adjacent bottom of the harbor.

DUEL FATAL TO BOTH

Prominent Men Kill Each Other While Wives Look On.

Pelham, Ga., September 21.—Stopping their buggies when they met each other in the street, two prominent men of this county, fought a duel with pistols, both dropping at the first shot. The fight, which was witnessed by a large number of people, took place in the street. The men, who were both well known, were killed. The wives of the men were standing by, watching the fight. The bodies were removed.

ITALIAN CONSUL ACTS

Finds That Lynched Italians Were American Citizens.

Tampa, Fla., September 21.—As a result of the lynching in West Tampa last night of Castagna Picarotta and Angelo Albano, Italian Consul-General Fagnino, at New Orleans, has asked the State provide protection for Italian citizens here. In response to the telegram, the State has agreed to do so. The consul also has asked that the State provide protection for Italian citizens here. In response to the telegram, the State has agreed to do so.

The Governor was also advised that the two men lynched last night were American citizens to the consul-general at New Orleans. The local Italian consul investigated the matter and said that the two men were American citizens.

The families of the dead men, however, deny that either of them had taken the oath of allegiance to the United States.

IN TAXABLE AREA

Department of Interior Clears 200,000 Acres in Montana.

Washington, D. C., September 21.—Lands in Montana amounting to 200,000 acres within the primary limits of the grant of the Northern Pacific Railway Company have been brought into the taxable area when they were cleared by the Department of the Interior. The lands are in the Helena, Lewistown and Miles City local land districts.

The survey of the grant was made under the act passed at the last session of Congress, requiring the survey of all railroad lands within national forests. Previously, surveys were not extended over the lands within railroad grants unless required by the railroad company, and then only upon a deposit of an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the surveys desired. Until surveyed, such lands were not subject to local or other taxation.

Platform Indorses Taft.
Galesburg, Ill., September 21.—The Republican Congressional Committee of the Fourth District to-day indorsed Congressman George W. Pringle, who, in an address, claimed he had voted for a reduction of the tariff on all necessities of life. The platform commends the "fraternal, faithful administration of President Taft."

MRS. CHANLER NO. 1 SCATHING REBUKE GETS INTO ACTION OF "PORK BARREL"

Files Suit to Set Aside Taft Denounces Such Ex-Husband's Agreement With Cavalieri Legislation as Very Near Corruption

FRAUD CHARGE AGAINST SINGER IN FUTURE HE WILL USE VETO

She Alleges That Italian Took Advantage of Chanler's "Suggestible Mental State," and by "Specious Inducements" Secured His Signature to Indenture.
New York, September 21.—The validity of the famous pre-nuptial agreement between Robert Winthrop Chanler and Lina Cavalieri, his bride, is now certain to be tested in the courts. Chanler's first wife, Julia Chamberlain Chanler, who obtained a divorce from him in the French courts in 1907, filed suit here to-day in behalf of herself and her children in an endeavor to set aside the agreement and to recover her former husband's property. The payment of \$10,000 yearly for her support and \$5,000 yearly for the support of each of her daughters.

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Several alienists who have had Charlton under observation were in court ready to testify to his mental incapacity, but they were denied a hearing by Judge Blair's ruling.

Prosecutor Lawrence Husted his case after presenting in evidence the dossier of the crime sent to this country by the Italian government. Charlton's counsel at once asked for the dismissal of proceedings on the ground that no proof of the allegations in the dossier had been shown. Judge Blair overruled the motion. R. Floyd Clark, one of the Charlton attorneys, then attacked the treaty from the Italian penal code a statute passed in 1890 providing that no Italian citizen shall be extradited.

He argued that a treaty must be equally binding on both nations, and that if Italy were to extradite Charlton, it would be in violation of the treaty. In case of Charlton's dismissal, he promised that he would be placed in a sanatorium in Washington.

If Judge Blair's ruling is adverse to Charlton, the case will be certified to the United States Supreme Court. The question of extradition, Charlton's counsel professed the belief to-night that in such event their argument against the Italian treaty would be unavailing.

Pending the decision by Judge Blair, Charlton was again returned to jail. He was first taken to the prison for his twenty-second birthday, evidence introduced as to his citizenship showing that he was born in Omaha, Neb., September 21, 1888.

PERRY CHOSEN BISHOP

Fills Place in Church Made Vacant by Death of McVicker.

Providence, R. I., September 21.—Rev. James De Wolf Perry, Jr., rector of St. Paul's Church, New Haven, Conn., to-day was chosen bishop of the Episcopal Church of Rhode Island, to succeed the late Right Rev. William M. McVicker. The selection was made at a special convention of the diocese, held at the residence of the late bishop.

The election of the Rev. Mr. Perry was a complete surprise, as he had not been prominently mentioned as a candidate. When the convention began balloting twenty names were submitted.

FORTY-TWO PERSONS KILLED WHEN CARS CRASH ON CURVE

DR. CRIPPEN HELD FOR WIFE-MURDER BARNES WHIPPED IN HIS OWN HOME

Misunderstanding Causes Wreck on Inter-urban Line. "EXTRA" FAILS TO TAKE SWITCH

One Car Loaded to Steps and Running at High Speed When They Meet Before Conductors Can Set Brakes. Dead Strwn Along Tracks.

The Dead

W. E. Bowman, Bluffton.
S. E. Hyde, Pennville.
S. E. Stucker, Vera Cruz.
William S. Beers, Bluffton.
Lloyd Brown, Bluffton.
L. C. Justus, Bluffton, general manager Bluffton, Greva and Celia Traction Line.
H. H. Robinson, Bluffton.
Ernest Crouse, Bluffton.
Silas Thomas, Warren.
John Walker, Bluffton.
W. D. Burgen, Bluffton.
Oscar Zimmer, Bluffton.
Miss Pearl Sayles, Bluffton.
John E. Edson, Bluffton.
Jacob Swartz, Unadilla.
F. B. Tamm, Warren, Ind.
John W. Triebel, Bluffton.
Mrs. Garret Maxwell, Garret, Ind.
Charles Reber, Unadilla.
Blanche Archbold, Osawan.
Thomas Gordon, Bluffton.
Frank Kling and wife, Warren.
Son of Lloyd Brown, Bluffton.
Harold Nelson, Bluffton.
John Johnson, Markle.
Jesse Hoffman, Marion.
Dr. S. E. Thompson, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Mrs. Hiram Folk, Bluffton.
Mrs. Myrtle Harter, daughter of Mrs. Folk.
Mary Daugherty, Bluffton.
Daniel Debach, Petroleum, Ind.
J. E. Swartz, Bluffton.
Joseph Sawyer, Bluffton.
John Smith and wife, Montheil.
John Reed, Battery E, Fifth Artillery, New York.
George Semthorn, Hartford, City.
Ben Cramer, Frankfort.

Fort Wayne, Ind., September 21.—Forty-two persons were killed and seven were seriously injured in a head-on collision between two interurban cars on the Fort Wayne and Wabash Division of the Fort Wayne and Wabash Valley Line to-day.

The wreck occurred seven miles north of Bluffton, at a sharp curve. The cars in collision were a northbound local car, crowded to the steps, and a southbound "extra" car from Fort Wayne. They met while both were running at high speed.

The collision is said to have been caused by a misunderstanding of orders in regard to the southbound "extra" car taking a switch near Kingsland so that the northbound car could pass it.

The motormen of the two cars did not have time to set brakes when they sighted each other. The heavily loaded northbound car was crushed, and the bodies of the dead and injured were strewn on either side of the track amid the wreckage. The screams of the injured men and women following the crash of the cars brought the neighboring farmers to the scene.

Conductor Spiller, of the southbound car, was unhurt, and ran back toward Kingsland and flagged a car which was approaching the wreck at full speed and would have plunged into it.

Wrecking cars and physicians were rushed from Fort Wayne and Bluffton, and the bodies of the dead and the injured were conveyed to hospitals in the two cities.

The wreck was one of the most horrible railway accidents in recent history. Just what caused the wreck no one seems to know. At least, no one yet has offered a clear explanation. At 11:55 the train, consisting of one car, left Bluffton for Fort Wayne. At the same hour a single-motor car left Fort Wayne for Bluffton empty to get a load of passengers to bring back to Fort Wayne for the county fair.

Some one made a mistake. At Kingsland, eighteen miles south of Fort Wayne, the cars met.

Those who were in the accident can tell little of what actually occurred. In the extra car were no passengers. In the regular local were probably fifty-five or sixty persons. Of these few escaped death or injury.

Around each of the two Bluffton undertaking establishments to-night there is a crowd of mourners, ropes keeping back the idly curious from the rooms where lie the torn bodies. The schools and the local courts will be closed for the rest of the week. No official of the Fort Wayne and Wabash Valley Traction line would to-night venture an opinion as to who was to blame for the accident.

Story of Disaster.
John H. Boyd, of Macon, Ind., was probably the only passenger aboard the ill-fated local who escaped down on about two hundred yards away at terrible speed. We were going about fifteen miles an hour. The car suddenly

Progressives Win.
Colorado Springs, Col., September 21.—Progressive Republicans won a victory in the Republican State Convention, which concluded its sessions to-night, after naming a State ticket. In the party in this State they presented the adoption of a resolution condemning the initiative and referendum, procured instead a plank favoring its submission to the people, and thus paved the way for the nomination for Governor of State Senator John B. Stephens.

The national administration was indorsed. Senator Guggenheim was commended for his work in Congress, and the platform of the party was related to the upbuilding of the nation.

They Came From Persia to Receive American Education.
Washington, D. C., September 21.—Sent to this country by the Persian government to receive an American education, three little Persian princes have been enrolled as pupils in the Henry D. Cooke public school of this city. They are Self Eddin Khan, aged twelve years; Moasser Eddin Khan, aged fifteen years; and Mohamed Ameen Khan, aged sixteen years. Self Eddin Khan is the son of the Persian king, and his brothers and Mohamed Ameen are his cousins. The boys are living with the secretary of the Persian legation.

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KEYSTONE CITIES GROW

Census of Erie, Altoona, McKeesport and Williamsport.

Washington, D. C., September 21.—Population figures for the thirty-fourth census were issued to-day by the Census Bureau for the following cities:
Erie, Pa., 46,525, an increase of 15,702, or 33.5 per cent, over 32,823 in 1900.
Altoona, Pa., 52,127, an increase of 13,154, or 33.8 per cent, over 38,973 in 1900.
McKeesport, Pa., 42,604, an increase of 8,407, or 24.7 per cent, over 34,197 in 1900.
Williamsport, Pa., 31,890, an increase of 3,103, or 10 per cent, over 28,787 in 1900.
Johnstown, Pa., 55,482, an increase of 10,949, or 24.4 per cent, as compared with 44,533 in 1900.

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